THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) There have been significant achievements in the field of Science and Technology during the last five years despite limitation of funds. The Government accordingly, has enchanced the outlay for scientific departments from Rs. 12022.17 crores in the 9th Plan to Rs. 25243.00 crores in the 10th Plan.

(c) and (d) The "Science and Technology Policy, 2003" announced by the Government envisages to raise the level of investment on Science and Technology to at least 2% of GDP by the end of 10th Plan with enhanced participation in Research and Development investment by industry.

Assessment for development of Science and Technology

†2215. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that after acquiring the membership of World Trade Organisation for development of the country, the requirement for developing science and technology sector has been assessed;

(b) if so, the funds allotted to meet the said requirement during the Ninth and the Tenth Five Year Plans; and

(c) the actual amount spent during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total outlay for Central Scientific Departments in the Ninth Five Year Plan was Rs. 12,022.17 crores and it is placed at Rs. 25,243.00 crores for theTenth Five Year Plan.

(c) The total expenditute during the Ninth Five Year Plan (AE) was Rs. 12,106.20 crores.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.